



**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
**Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**

November 13, 2019 at 1:00pm  
Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security  
303 Transportation Circle Dover, DE 19903

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- I. **Committee Minutes Present:** Kimberly Chandler (Chair), Nikki Warner (DOJ-DV Unit), and via telephone: Sharon Merriman- NAI (Center for Drug and Health Studies), Julie Devlin (DHSS-DSAAPD), Nikki Morris (Beebe SANE Coordinator), Linda Brittingham (Christiana Care Social Worker)  
**DVCC Staff Present:** Dayna Belfiore  
**Members of the Public:** None in attendance
- II. The Committee acknowledges that there are no minutes to approve.
- III. New Business
- a. Collaboration
    - i. In determining areas of need, the Committee is looking to broaden membership to include additional partners and/or Committee Members. The committee discussed connecting with and inviting the following agencies to attend future committee meetings
      1. AARP
      2. EMS/Fire
      3. Police Chiefs Council
      4. A member from the medical community who specialized in geriatric
      5. A representative from the housing community
      6. Noel Duckworth from University of Delaware's Partnership for Healthy Communities
      7. Karen McGlothlin from the Division of Public Health (request to be placed on email distribution)
      8. Providers of services not under the APS umbrella
        - a. The Housing Alliance of Delaware
        - b. Meals on Wheels programs
        - c. Other programs listed in DSAAPD Resource manual
  - b. Other Committees/memberships for DVCC Staff and/or Chair:
    - i. Committee Chair and DVCC Staff Dayna Belfiore will attend the Department of Justice Senior Protection Initiative (DOJ-SPI).
    - ii. The Committee discussed Recommendation 17 of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee which is expected to result in the formation of a multi-disciplinary team to review elder justice cases in Delaware and make recommendations to appropriate

*Public comment may be opened by the Chair.*

*Pursuant to DE Code: Title 29 § 10004 (e)(2), the Committee shall pre-announce all Executive Sessions; however, such agenda shall be subject to change to include additional items including Executive Sessions which may arise at the time of the Committee's meeting*

agencies. The committee will seek to understand the charge of the multi-disciplinary team and determine this Committee's role on the team, if any.

- iii. The Committee discussed Recommendations 16 of the Joint Legislative Oversight and Sunset Committee which relates to modifying § 3910(a), Title 31, APS's "duty to report" Statute, requiring medical practitioners to file a report. Per APS, changes to the statute are expected.
- iv. The Committee will continue to identify partners to join the table.
- v. The Committee will continue to look for information sharing opportunities (i.e. request to be placed on the agenda of partnering agencies).
- c. Top priorities/ concerns-The committee identified training for APS workers as a priority.
  - i. Dayna will work with DVCC Trainer and Julie Devlin to develop a training.
- d. Areas of focus
  - i. Policy and Law
    - 1. The Committee will follow the work of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
      - a. Dayna will work with the DVCC Legislative Committee on this item.
  - ii. Resources & Resource Survey
    - 1. In order to understand the resources that are currently available to Elderly D.V. survivors and identify gaps in services, this committee will create a resource survey for distribution. A draft survey adapted from NCALL was distributed.
      - a. Members will provide feedback on additional questions to include or remove.
  - iii. Awareness and upcoming events
    - 1. The Committee discussed avenues to increase awareness, disseminate resources and distribute the survey to increase the likelihood that awareness efforts, resources, and the upcoming survey will reach the target population
      - a. The group identified senior centers, doctors offices, AARP, beauty salons, religious centers, faith based centers, newspapers, community centers, Facebook as avenue to share information.
      - b. Dayna will compile a list of places to disseminate the survey and resources.
      - c. Dayna will work with DVCC Social Media Administrator to determine if the survey can be shared via Facebook.
  - iv. Upcoming Events and existing awareness events to join
    - 1. Mrs. Sharon Merriman- NAI suggested this committee request to be added to the Division of Public Health's mailing list to receive resources and event notifications that relate to the work of this Committee.

#### IV. Agency Updates:

- a. DSAAPD- Agency is currently working the recommendations of JLSOC, mainly around training staff. As part of Dementia Friendly Delaware, DSAAPD will be conducting a comprehensive training for law enforcement.
- b. DOJ- DOJ continues to address scams targeting the elderly. The types of scams they are seeing include people posing as social security/IRS, charities scams, lottery scams, better business bureau scams, grandparent scans and jury duty scams. Additionally, there is a scam which uses the elderly to funnel ill-gotten gains into accounts. DOJ reminds elders that participation in funneling monies is a crime which can be prosecuted.

#### V. Future Meeting Dates: January 13, 2020 at 1:00pm